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Country programmes and related matters**Extensions of country cooperation frameworks****Note of the Administrator***Summary*

The present note contains information on the first one-year extensions of the second country cooperation frameworks (CCFs) for Belarus, Hungary, Latvia, Slovakia, the second one-year extensions of the second country cooperation frameworks for Chile and Uruguay, and the two-year extension of the second CCF for Zimbabwe. The Governments concerned requested the extensions.

In accordance with established procedures, the Administrator approves the first one-year extension of CCFs while requests for second-year or two-year extensions are submitted to the Board for its approval.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the first extensions of the second CCFs for Belarus, Hungary, Latvia and Slovakia listed in table 1, and approve the second one-year extensions of the second CCFs for Chile and Uruguay and the two-year extension of the second CCF for Zimbabwe listed in table 2.



Table 1. Extensions of CCFs approved by the Administrator since January 2004

Country	Original CCF period	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Reason and explanation		Implementation and/or other issues
			United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	
Belarus	2001-2004	2005			The programmes of the current CCF remain relevant vis-à-vis the priorities of the Government. The proposed extension reflects the need for more time to complete the implementation of major components of the current programme, many of which are much more sizable than expected. The delay in starting up a number of projects was caused by the later-than-planned conclusion of negotiations and operational arrangements with partners contributing to these projects.
Hungary	2001-2004	2005			Beginning in May 2004, Hungary became a European Union member state, and as of 2004 has reached the status of net contributor country. In accordance with UNDP strategy regarding the new European Union member states, the country programming of target for resource assignment from the core (TRAC) will cease in 2006. The extension is needed to cover the year 2005.
Latvia	2001-2004	2005			Owing to the accession of Latvia to the European Union in May 2004, bilateral donor resources (cost sharing) for programming will be phased out; the Government has decided to conclude the programming of UNDP core resources at the end of 2005. The extension is needed to finalize and consolidate current programming, and ensure the sustainability of results through consultations with the Government and other development partners.
Slovakia	2001-2004	2005			Already an Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) member country, Slovakia became a European Union member state in May 2004. The Government, in a letter dated 4 September 2004, agreed to continue the programming of regular resources and operational allocations for national programming during 2004-2005 budget cycles. From 2006, the TRAC allocations and programming of core resources will cease. The extension is needed to cover the year 2005.

Table 2. Extensions of CCFs for which the approval of the Executive Board is sought

Country	Years covered by original CCF	Year(s) covered by any extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				2nd one year	Two years	United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Other
Chile	2001-2003	2004	2005	X				To allow the areas of cooperation agreed on in the second CCF (2001-2003) and its first extension to remain valid. Chile will pursue United Nations harmonization upon expiration of the current programming period.
Uruguay	2001-2003	2004	2005	X				To allow the areas of cooperation agreed on in the second CCF (2001-2003) and its first extension to remain valid until forthcoming elections.
Zimbabwe	2000-2003	2004	2005-2006		X		The purpose of the first extension to 31 December 2004 was to harmonize project cycles with other United Nations organizations through the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) process. Ongoing consultations with the Government have delayed efforts to meet the deadline for finalizing the common country assessment and UNDAF (2005-2009), and thus beginning a new country programme in 2005.	



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Human Development Report**Update on *Human Development Report* consultations**

1. In January 2003 during its 57th session, the General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/57/264, in which it invited the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA to include in its annual work plan as from 2003 a separate agenda item on the *Human Development Report*. The aim of the resolution is to improve the consultation process with Member States regarding the *Human Development Report* in order to enhance its quality and accuracy without compromising its editorial independence.

2. In line with this resolution, the Administrator submitted a report to the Executive Board at its annual session in June 2003. In that report, he emphasizes that the number of consultations on the *Human Development Report 2003* increased from three in previous years to five in 2003. He also highlighted improvements in the quality of consultations and in the coverage of specific issues that took place over the period of the preparation of the report.

3. For the *Human Development Report 2004*, UNDP has maintained the frequency of consultations as in 2003. The Human Development Report Office (HDRO) held consultations with the members of the Executive Board on five occasions. The first related to the theme of the report and discussed its outline. The second focused on the structure of the report, including its tentative chapter headings and sections. The third consultation was specifically about the statistics in the report. The HDRO is working on improving the statistics in the report in order to ensure consistency between national and international sources of data. The fourth will focus on the final detailed chapter structure, which underwent revision after a process of drafting and consultation with the report's expert advisory panel and the members of the Board. The final consultation will discuss the messages of the report, once the document is finalized.

4. The Human Development Report Office is committed to maintaining this level of consultation with the members of the Executive Board in future years. The HDRO remains committed to the preparation of the *Human Development Report* in a neutral and transparent manner and in full and effective consultation with Member States, with due regard to the impartial nature and use of sources.

